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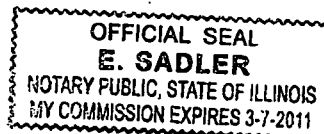
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Public Comment Period Open  
for Pettibone Creek Cleanup

From Naval Facilities  
Engineering Command  
Midwest Environmental  
Department

The Navy, as part of its responsibilities under the Department of Defense Installation Restoration (IR) Program, has completed a proposed cleanup plan for Pettibone Creek and the Boat Basin (SWS-37), at Naval Station Great Lakes. A public comment period for the Proposed Plan is scheduled from Feb. 20 through March 21.

The Proposed Plan is a document that summarizes the proposed remedy on how to protect the community after considering and addressing public comments. The Proposed Plan for the site, as developed by the Navy and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), recommends excavating/dredging contaminated sediment from Pettibone Creek and the Boat Basin, and transporting the contaminated sediment to an off-site disposal facility.

The Navy and Illinois EPA concur with the proposed cleanup plan for Site 17.

As a result of past investigations of abandoned industrial facilities located upstream of Naval Station Great Lakes, contaminants were found in the sediment at the site. The main contaminant included polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). In general, concentrations of PAHs were greatest in surface sediment samples and concentrations decreased with increasing depth. The PAH concentrations in sediment samples have increased compared to historical data, and this is believed to be caused by increased use of petroleum products in our modern industrial society.

The investigation also identified polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), pesticides, and metals in the sediment samples. In general, concentrations of pesticides, PCBs, and metals were lower in surface sediment samples and increased with increasing depth. Copper, lead, and zinc were identified as significant environmental contaminants in sediment samples collected upstream and at site of Site 17. In the environmental investigations, the concentrations that were reported for the off-site upstream samples were often two to three times greater than concentrations in Site 17 sediment samples.

The public is encouraged to review and comment on the Navy's Proposed Plan; copies of which are available by contacting Mr. Howard Hickey at Naval Station Great Lakes, Building 1A, 201 Decatur Avenue, Great Lakes, IL 60088; telephone (847) 488-2400; extension 243; or howard.hickey@navy.mil. Comments may be written or verbal and may be directed to Mr. Hickey. Written comments must be postmarked no later than March 21. If requested, a public meeting will be held to discuss the findings and recommendations of the Proposed Plan.

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